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## **MAYOR JERRY SANDERS**

**FACT SHEET** 

## COST OF STREET SWEEPING WILL DROP BY 12 PERCENT UNDER MANAGED COMPETITION

City workers submit winning bid that cuts annual costs, maintains service levels

The cost of sweeping the city's streets will drop by 12 percent annually because of managed competition, Mayor Jerry Sanders announced today. He congratulated the city's employees for submitting the winning bid to perform the street-sweeping work.

"The winning bid includes no reduction in service levels," the mayor said. "In other words, our streets will be swept with the exact same frequency at a lower cost to taxpayers. Our employees have devised a plan to work smarter and more efficiently – which is exactly what managed competition is designed to do."

The employees' winning bid will shave \$560,000 a year off the annual cost of sweeping the city's streets. City workers beat out three independent contractors in the bidding process. Last year, city employees also won the competitions for publishing services and fleet services, resulting in additional annual savings of \$5.5 million.

"Managed Competition is creating millions of dollars in savings that we can now reinvest in San Diego neighborhoods to repair roads, maintain parks, run libraries and fight crime," Council President Pro Tem Kevin Faulconer said.

While managed competition has already produce more than \$6 million in annual savings to taxpayers, that number will grow as other city services undergo the same process.

"I love that city workers, when given an opportunity, can find ways to save taxpayers money without jeopardizing the quality of service they provide," said Councilmember Todd Gloria, who chairs the council's Budget and Finance Committee.

The mayor also announced Wednesday that two more city functions will undergo managed competition: 1) stormwater facilities operations; 2) traffic engineering & operations.